

Useful Online Resources for Primary School Students

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Hi all,

This PDF is for Teachers and Parents alike. It aims to provide some useful resources that you may like to refer to during this time of school closure.

This is not an exhaustive list of every educational resource available online – but instead, presents a simple guide to some handy sites and videos that I have found to be of benefit throughout my college and professional career. All links are correct at time of writing, though some may expire in time.

We all know screen-time should always be time-restricted, but hopefully one or two of these resources could help the child use their time online in a better way!

Don't forget to monitor children as they access the web, and be sure to use WebWise (<https://www.webwise.ie>) should you require advise or support.

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E-Books and E-Resources

A number of book publishing companies have made their e-books available to teachers, parents and students. It is here you will find your child's usual textbooks, if needed.

Online resource websites have also provided access due to school closures, with Twinkl being the most recognisable.

To gain full access to Twinkl's resources, register with the site using code 'IRLTWINKLHELPS'.

CJ Fallon (<https://my.cjfallon.ie/dashboard/student-resources/?levels=0&classes=0&subjects=0&serieses=0&booktitles=0&types%5B0%5D=Book+Sample>)

Edco (<https://www.edcolearning.ie/Login>) Note: Use username 'primaryedcobooks' and password 'edco2020'

Folens (<https://www.folensonline.ie>) Note: Select Teacher, fill in username, email and password, use roll number 'Prim20'

Gill Education (<https://www.gillexplore.ie>)

Gaeilge

Séideán Sí (<https://www.seideansi.ie>)

Choose your province and class level to view Irish games, activities and stories.

‘Ceol’ (YouTube)

If you’re looking to blare some Irish tunes, Eoghan McDermott got some chart-topping artists on board to sing their tracks as Gaeilge. Search ‘Ceol Eoghan McDermott’ on Youtube.

TG Lurgan also have a variety of recognizable songs. (Search TG Lurgan on YouTube)

Worth a listen!

Twinkl

Twinkl have a range of Irish resources – suitable to each class level. Download worksheets, or revise vocabulary by playing bingo! Enter code IRLTWINKLHELPS upon registration to get free access!

Gaeloideachas (<https://gaeloideachas.ie/i-am-a-teacher-educator/schemes-supports-resources-for-schools/promotional-materials/>)

Fancy brushing up on your own cúpla focail? Head to Gaeloideachas and check out their ‘Promotional Material’. My personal favourite? The ‘Déan Comhrá – Cúpla Focal for Parents and Guardians’ booklet. I’ve posted about it before - a 38-page comprehensive guide to phrases across different themes.

10@10 (<https://rtejr.rte.ie/10at10/>)

RTÉ’s famous ‘10@10’ series is still alive and well on the site – with a Gaeilge version aimed at Gaelscoileanna.

Cúla 4 Aimsir (YouTube)

TG4 have a range of Aimsir videos on Youtube. Search ‘Cúla 4 Aimsir’ to find them. Get creative and create your own weather forecast!

Maths

Maths Games - Websites (Covering various strands)

Top Marks (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>) Primary Games (<https://primarygames.co.uk>) Math Playground (<https://www.mathplayground.com>) Maths is Fun (<https://www.mathsisfun.com>) Arcademics (<https://www.arcademics.com>)

IXL (<https://ie.ixl.com>) Provides challenging tasks, divided by class group and strands.

Manga High (<https://www.mangahigh.com/en/>) Manga High are now providing full access to their resources at no cost. The site promises engaging content on maths and coding. Also available on the app store.

Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org>)

Interactive challenges with helpful videos to support.

Math Videos

Múinteoir Valerie: Maths Lesson Structure

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TW8LeZg6u8>)

Teacher Valerie King outlines the essential steps in constructing your own maths lessons.

'Numberblocks' Series

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPlwvN0w4qFSP1FIILB92w>)

A sister series to Alphablocks, Numberblocks provide counting videos for our younger learners. The series also includes a series on how to construct characters using play-doh. Add another element of fun by making your own play- doh!

Maths-related Literature YouTube Read-Alouds

Guess How Much I Love You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1P2u2OGA2I>

How Big is a Foot? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWhWL1MET7A>

Sir Cumference and All The King's Tens <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmRCNBaU42A>

Measuring Penny <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x0qP6JwXY4>

The Greedy Triangle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xm3McQ6upw>

English

Reading

World Book Online

(<https://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome%21>)

Through Scoilnet, the Republic of Ireland now have access to World Book Online's wide availability of books.

Oxford Owl (<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>)

Educational activities and games, and a free eBook library.

Into the Book (<https://reading.ecb.org/student/index.html?login=>)

Practice reading comprehension strategies with this handy online tool and accompanying videos.

Poetry

Children's Poetry Archive (<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org>)

Listen to the world's best poetry read aloud.

Spelling

Look, Cover, Write, Check

(<http://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/lcwc/index.html>)

Select your level and set of words. The game will display a word, then cover it. The child must spell the word to progress. They have two chances to peek.

Phonics

'Alphablocks' Series

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg)

A fun cartoon series which aids in phonic identification and letter blending.

Epic Phonics (<https://www.youtube.com/user/teachinguk>)

Sing-along phonics songs.

Letters and Sounds (<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>)

Phonics resource bank with printable cards and games, as well as interactive games on-site.

Writing

Book Creator (<https://app.bookcreator.com/sign-in>)

Create your very own book on desktop or tablet (available on app store).

Read-Write-Think: Acrostic Poems

(<http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/acrostic/>)

Create your own acrostic poem using this handy online tool.

SESE

National Geographic – Kids (<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>)

Games, videos & factual articles covering all SESE subjects, pitched at a child's level.

News2Day (<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/news2day/SI0000001210?epguid=IH000384632>)

Search 'News2Day' if link becomes inactive. Irish news for children.

RTÉ 'Magical Sites' (<https://rtejr.rte.ie/category/rtejr-blog/teacher-resources/magical-sites-teacher-resources/>)

RTÉ explore some 'Magical Sites' across Ireland in their video series.

DK Findout (<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>)

Research across all SESE subjects on this child-friendly site.

History

Scoilnet; History (<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/history/>)

Scoilnet have compiled a list of ICT resources relating to history.

The Ages of Exploration (<https://exploration.marinersmuseum.org>)

Read about explorers of the past.

Geography

Ask About Ireland (<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/learning-zone/primary-students/enfo-kids/>)

Select class level and explore facts about our environment through literature, videos and games.

Scoilnet: Geography (<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/geography/>)

Scoilnet have compiled a list of ICT resources relating to geography.

Science

Scoilnet: Science (<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/science/>)

Scoilnet have compiled a list of ICT resources relating to science.

Exploratorium (<https://www.exploratorium.edu/learn>)

The 'learning toolbox' aids theme at present is aimed at explaining viruses to children.

Science Foundation Ireland (<https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/discover-primary-science-and-maths/activities-search/index.xml>)

Classroom activity database – here you'll find some fun hands-on experiments activities to explore.

Arts Education

Visual Art

Scoilnet; Arts and Crafts (<https://www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/art-craft/>)

Art Hub for Kids (<https://www.artforkidshub.com/how-to-draw/> , <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>)

I am an Artist (<http://www.iamanartist.ie>)

RTÉ ‘Makers’ Video Series (<https://rtejr.rte.ie/category/rtejr-blog/teacher-resources/makers-teacher-resources/>)

Music

Dabbledoo Music
(<https://dabbledoomusic.com>)

Dabbledoo music are providing full access to their resources which cover the full Primary Music Curriculum. This entails videos, interactive games and sing-alongs.

KidsBop (<https://www.youtube.com/user/KidzBopKids>)

Sing along to child-friendly chart songs, performed by children.

SFS Kids (<http://www.sfskids.org/discover/>)

Learn about the orchestra, composers and instruments on this interactive site.

Drama

Drama Toolkit (<http://www.dramatoolkit.co.uk>)

A range of games to choose from and explore.

Child Drama (<http://www.childdrama.com/lessons.html>)

Step-by-step drama lessons and associated discussions.

SPHE

(focus on wellbeing) ‘Well-being means feeling good and strong in our minds and bodies, having energy, getting along with and helping others, knowing our strengths and feeling proud because we are doing our best. It means we can cope with the little problems and disappointments of life.’ (Foreman, F. – Weaving Wellbeing)

Cosmic Kids Yoga

(<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>)

‘Cosmic Kids Yoga’ provide free yoga, mindfulness and relaxation for kids. Children engage in thematic adventures as they learn to build ‘strength, balance and confidence’.

Class Dojo (<https://ideas.classdojo.com>)

I have used Class Dojo as a reward system in my class- but their ‘Big Ideas’ series is the best move they’ve made to date. Join Mojo in taking on positive thinking, developing a growth mindset and understanding moods and attitudes.

Disney Piano Instrumentals

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DiMoehAeOU&t=2868s>)

Recognisable feel-good songs, but on a calmer, more therapeutic level. Take some time out to relax, have a stretch, wind-down for a while. These songs go down a treat as my students engage in art lessons. Maybe brush the dust off those paint pots!

Mindfulness Colouring (<https://www.mrsmactivity.co.uk/free-home-learning-resource-covid19/> , <https://www.twinkl.ie>)

For both parent and child alike! Wind down and move away from the screens. Play some music and print off some mindfulness colouring from Mrs Mactivity or Twinkl. Remember to enter code IRLTWINKLHELPS for free access to Twinkl resources.

Wellness Book Read-Alouds (Youtube)

Author of the 'Wellness Wellbeing' series, Fiona Foreman has recommended some titles in her past Instagram posts. Find a sample of these books as read-alouds below;

-The Truth Pixie' (Matt Haig)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6HXJuNtOHM>.

-An Awesome Book of Thanks (Dallas Clayton)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE-4SrYx2Cs>

-The Blue Day Book for Kids 'A Lesson in Cheering Yourself Up'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE-4SrYx2Cs>

-Happy: A Children's Book of Mindfulness

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7o_ciE8fjo

Physical Education

10@10 (<https://rtejr.rte.ie/10at10/>)

RTÉ's famous '10@10' series, 10 minutes of physical activities, requiring no additional resources.

GoNoodle (<https://www.youtube.com/user/GoNoodleGames>)

Dance-along videos.

Joe Wicks; 5 Minute Move Series

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3LPrhI0v-w&list=PLyCLOPd4VxBvPHOpzoEk5onAEbq40g2-k>)

Joe Wicks; Active 8 Minute Workout Series

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqLNxJe4L2I&list=PLyCLOPd4VxBszBLWgWMpt9kb5sKDXNX6M>)

Move to Learn (<https://www.youtube.com/user/MovetoLearnMS/videos>)

Dance-alongs and short dance-move tutorials. Create your own dance using their tips!

Coach Pirillo

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvtbZIoJRUTqE6eTAEK8TGg>)

Coach Pirillo guides activities that can be played at home.